

North Central Neighborhood Association  
June 3, 2010

Meeting called to order by Maggie Anderson, President.

Welcome and self-introductions around the table.  
In attendance: 9 people

**Guest Speaker: Mike from Parks & Recreation**

City of Gresham currently has approximately 1200 acres of parks, of which only about 144 acres have been developed. The National Parks and Recreation Association has a standard of 10 acres per 1,000 people. Gresham currently has about 100,000 people. It would cost about \$300 million to bring the city up to this standard. The city has formed a list to include its top priorities of refurbishing parks, acquiring key parcels of land and developing parks for \$92 million.

The City of Gresham's annual park spending is \$28 per resident. This is significantly less than other local cities, such as Portland at \$99 per resident. A national organization Trust for Public Lands is looking in to the possibility of increasing funding to support future projects. They will be doing surveys to find out if community members would be interested. Four possible funding options include: a fee included in utility bills, a levy on property taxes as well as the creation of a park and recreation district either strictly for Gresham or the entire eastside.

The Green Ribbon Task Force has been formed consisting of 30 community members. Their next meeting will be August 17, 2010.

**Land Use Business:**

- Judith O'Connell came to speak regarding the opening of Mount Hood Adult Day Center at 376 219<sup>th</sup> Avenue near Clear Creek Middle School. The facility intends on having 25-50 clients to help with their memory care and maintain independence. There is one small construction project on the existing building and the facility intends on opening September 1, 2010. The clients will primarily be transported by Tri-Met Lift services, which is anticipated to create little traffic impact. There were no objections voiced by those in attendance.
- Victoria Cottages located at 204<sup>th</sup> & Stark. The owner has chosen to sell the property to Habitat for Humanity who will finish the development of the remaining 10 units. They have proposed to change the plans to a duplex style of homes, however they will remain aesthetically very similar to the existing units.
- Mt. Hood Vision Center at 206<sup>th</sup> and Stark. They are planning on dividing an acre into different parcels and one larger building is already being built.

### **Non-Agenda Items:**

- North Central Neighborhood Association is registered for Neighborhood National Night Out on August 3, 2010. We plan to set up at 6pm with a potluck at 6:30 at Red Sunset Park.

### **Vice President Announcements:**

- Landlord/Tenant Meeting: Reporting crime, problems with identity theft. August 19, 2010 6:30-9:00pm.
- Concern from police over a new proposed law to legalize marijuana. Signatures are currently being collected.
- Attended the information fair where there was great information for residents. Joni proposed North Central participating next year.

### **Secretary Announcements:**

- Proposed dog park at Main City Park. O'DIG has created a non-profit organization to try to facilitate the development of an off leash fenced dog park within Gresham. Main City Park has included such a development in its Master Plan, however, there is not funding to complete it. O'DIG is working to raise funds and requests the ability to take over the project and perform all required maintenance.
- Passed around current schedule for activities taking place at the new Center for the Arts Plaza in downtown Gresham.
- Discussed the need to update the information on North Central Neighborhood Association's City of Gresham website. Requested suggestions.

### **Red Sunset Park Cleanup:**

Reminder: Next clean-up dates are June 19, July 17 and August 21, 2010 9-10am. Tia will lead the June 19<sup>th</sup> clean-up. Volunteers are always requested.

### **Concerns from Neighbors:**

\* Recent influx in graffiti down Cleveland Avenue. It is suggested there be a letter created so we can provide our neighbors with the resources to remove the graffiti from their property.

Next Meeting: July 1, 2010, 7:00pm at Gresham City Hall

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Minutes of Meeting as Reported by:  
Tia Hough, Secretary NCNA

